Introduced by Senator Florez

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 15373.106 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 895, as introduced, Florez. Rural development.

Existing law establishes the authority and duties of the Rural Development Council, within the Trade and Commerce Agency, for the purpose of advocating and recommending programs that foster community sustainability and community and economic development initiatives in rural, nonurban and nonmetropolitan areas of this state.

Existing law also provides that the council may consist of specified members with up to 27 votes, who are appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules, including specified state government members with no more than 3 votes collectively, regardless of how many serve.

This bill would rename 2 state government members and add the Secretary of Resources and the Secretary of Veteran Affairs to the list of potential state government members.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 15373.106 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 15373.106. (a) The state director of the United States
- 4 Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, shall be urged to

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sit as a federal government representative to the council. The state director shall be a voting member of the council.

- (b) (1) Members of the council representing government may include the following:
- (A) The executive director of the Governor's Rural 6 Development Advisory Committee The Director of the California Rural Policy Task Force.
 - (B) The Secretary of Trade and Commerce.
 - (C) The Director of Housing and Community Development.
- 10 (D) The Governor's Rural Health Policy Council adviser The 11 Director of the California Rural Health Policy Council.
 - (E The Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 13 (F) The Secretary of Agriculture.
 - (G) The Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing.
- (H) The Secretary of Resources. 15
- (I) The Secretary of Veteran Affairs. 16
 - (J) Any other representatives of state government, to be appointed by the Governor as he or she deems necessary.
 - (2) These state government members may have no more than three votes collectively, regardless of how many serve.
 - (c) (1) Members of the council representing the federal government may include, but need not be limited to, the following:
 - (A) The Region IX representative for the federal Department of Education.
 - (B) The Region IX representative for the federal Economic Development Agency.
 - (C) The Region IX representative for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - (D) The Region IX representative for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
 - (E) The Region IX representative for the federal Department of Health and Human Services.
- 33 (F) The Region IX representative for the Environmental 34 Protection Agency.
- (G) The Region IX representative for the United States Forest 35 36 Service.
- (H) Any other federal government representatives who wish to 38 participate.
- 39 (2) These federal government members may have no more than three votes collectively, regardless of how many serve.

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1 (d) The council may add ex officio, nonvoting members as it deems appropriate.